

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 15-90 (canceled)

Claim 91 (New) A system for ensuring the proper dispensation of a pharmaceutical, the system comprised of:

a container;

a first label attached to the container, the first label having a machine readable first barcode identifying a particular pharmaceutical stored in the container;

a second label attached to the container, the second label having a machine readable second barcode aligned with the first barcode, the second barcode identifying a particular pharmaceutical desired to be distributed to a patient; and

a scanner capable of reading and comparing both the first and second barcode simultaneously to determine if the second barcode corresponds to the first barcode.

Claim 92 (New) The system of claim 91, wherein:

the second label attached to the container has a first portion and a second portion;

the second portion extends from the first portion and includes the second barcode; and

the second barcode is aligned with the first barcode.

Claim 93 (New) The system of claim 92, wherein the first portion includes at least one of a typewritten and a handwritten prescription information.

Claim 94 (New). The system of claim 91, wherein the first barcode and the second barcode are aligned side-by-side.

Claim 95 (New). The system of claim 91, wherein the first label is a single-layer label.

Claim 96 (New). A packaging system for pharmaceuticals, the packaging system comprised of:

 a container having a symbol that represents a pharmaceutical stored in the container;
 and

 a single-layer label having a first side and a second side with the second side attached directly to a surface of a container, the single-layer label including:

 a first portion having an outer boundary;
 a second portion extending out and away from the outer boundary of the first portion; and

 an indicium, inscribed on the second portion, identifying at least a pharmaceutical that has been prescribed to a patient;
 the indicium aligned with the symbol so as to allow both the symbol and the indicium to be scanned together by a detector in order to confirm that the prescribed pharmaceutical matches the contents of the pharmaceutical container.

Claim 97 (New). The system of claim 96, wherein:

the first portion and the second portion of the single-layer label are generally rectangular in shape;
the second portion extends out and away from a side of the first portion, the side of the first portion having a first length; and
a side of the second portion that is contiguous with the side of the first portion has a second length that is shorter than the first length.

Claim 98 (New). The system of claim 96, wherein, the second portion extends outward from a corner of the first portion.

Claim 99 (New). The system of claim 96, wherein the second portion and symbol are shaped so that the second portion may cover part of the symbol while allowing for simultaneous scanning by a detector.

Claim 100 (New). The system of claim 96, wherein:

the symbol and the indicium are bar codes; and
the detector is a bar code scanner.

Claim 101 (New). The system of claim 96, wherein the first portion of the single-layer label contains information regarding the prescription.

Claim 102 (New). The system of claim 96, wherein at least part of the label is transparent.

Claim 103 (New). The system of claim 96, wherein the indicium is a checksum of the symbol.

Claim 104 (New). The system of claim 103, wherein the checksum includes a check digit of the checksum.

Claim 105 (New). A system for ensuring that a product stored in container corresponds to the product identified on a label attached to a container, the quality control system comprised of:

a container;

a first label attached to the container, the first label having an identifying indicia identifying the product stored in the container;

a second label attached to the container, the second label having a confirmation indicia that is aligned with the identifying indicia, the confirmation indicia corresponding to the identifying indicia; and

a scanner capable of simultaneously reading the identifying indicia and the confirmation indicia and comparing the two.

Claim 106 (New) A method for controlling a pharmaceutical packaging operation, the method comprised of the steps of:

obtaining a container suitable for a pharmaceutical;
affixing a symbol to the container, the symbol having indicia that identify the pharmaceutical to be packaged in the container;
attaching a label to the container, the label having information identifying a particular pharmaceutical desired to be distributed to a patient; and
reading the symbol and the label simultaneously to determine if the information on the second label corresponds to the indicia on the symbol.

Claim 107 (New). The method of claim 106, wherein:

the symbol indicia and a portion of the label information are barcodes; and
the reading step is accomplished through the use of a barcode scanner.

Claim 108 (New). The method of claim 107, wherein a portion of the label covers a portion of the indicia on the symbol.

Claim 109 (New). The method of claim 106, wherein the barcode scanner is a hand-held scanner.